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WASHINGTON, September 13, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 8 totaled 307,854, up 0.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 11.6 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Both years included the Labor Day holiday. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.3 percent in the East but down 1.1 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, chemical loadings were up 1,430 cars (5.8 percent), while loadings of coal were up 2,022 cars (1.7 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 36 weeks of 1990 totaled 12,137,494, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 106,198 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 8, up 6.8 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of 1990 was 4,212,593 trailers and/or containers, 3.6 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the holiday week ended September 8 totaled 18.6 billion, up 3.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 721.2 billion ton-miles, up 4.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	22,363	21,495	4.0 %	26,917	-16.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,004	892	12.6	935	7.4
Metallic Ores	16,254	20,249	-19.7	17,507	-7.2
Coal	121,718	119,696	1.7	133,491	-8.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,134	14,794	-4.5	16,326	-13.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,421	8,803	-4.3	9,573	-12.0
Grain Mill Products	9,418	8,815	6.8	10,554	-10.8
Food & Kindred Products	7,548	7,705	-2.0	8,811	-14.3
Primary Forest Products	8,336	9,046	-7.8	9,967	-16.4
Lumber & Wood Products	4,815	5,219	-7.7	6,631	-27.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,374	10,621	-2.3	10,714	-3.2
Chemicals	26,279	24,849	5.8	29,414	-10.7
Petroleum Products	5,185	4,879	6.3	5,625	-7.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,381	9,698	-3.3	10,683	-12.2
Coke	5,746	5,461	5.2	6,066	-5.3
Metals & Products	8,688	7,867	10.4	10,944	-20.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	15,428	14,771	4.4	17,611	-12.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,027	6,633	5.9	8,873	-20.8
All Other Carloads	5,735	5,914	-3.0	7,481	-23.3
Total	307,854	307,407	.1 %	348,123	-11.6 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 36 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	307,854	307,407	.1 %	12,137,494	12,002,024	1.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,425	57,593	1.4	2,354,826	2,371,632	-.7
Containers	47,773	41,808	14.3	1,857,767	1,695,217	9.6
Total	106,198	99,401	6.8	4,212,593	4,066,849	3.6
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.6	18.0	3.3 %	721.2	693.0	4.1 %